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JACL-ADC stand on immigration supported

'Veep' untangled red tape for strandee to reach U. S. by Dec. 24, given thanks

San Francisco

Eddie Shiosaka, 29-year-old airport attendant from Los Angeles, left San Francisco Monday night this week for Washington on a "thank you" mission.

Shiosaka was to personally thank Vice-Pres. Alben Barkley for helping him regain his United States citizenship.

Shiosaka, who was born in Seattle, was stranded in Japan at the outbreak of the Pacific war and drafted into the Japanese navy, thus losing his U. S. citizenship.

By an act of Congress he was restored his citizenship with the condition that he return to United States soil by Dec. 24.

His passport visa was slow in coming through, however, and he wrote to Barkley for help. The "veep" untangled red tape and Shiosaka made it to Hawaii by the deadline—Christmas eve.

Shiosaka, a Pan American Airway employee, had met Barkley in Tokyo in 1950.

JAPANESE POPULATION IN CANADA DROPS TO 21,000 SAYS CENSUS

Toronto

Japanese Canadians are most numerous in Toronto, according to the 1951 census of cities over 10,000 in population.

There are 4,633 persons of Japanese descent in Toronto, followed by Hamilton with 918. Vancouver has 873, Montreal 797 and Winnepeg 629.

Overall Japanese Canadian population is 21,663 as compared with 1941's mark of 23,149. The decrease was noted in the fewer number of Issei with only 6,293 Issei today as compared with 9,462 ten years ago.

Circuit judge Murakami plans to resign Jan. 20

Honolulu

Circuit Judge Robert K. Murakami, interim appointment to the bench, plans to resign Jan. 20 and return to private law practice, it was learned this week.

No rush reported in Portland for naturalization

Portland, Ore.

There is no rush in Oregon of Japanese aliens eager to apply for citizenship under the nation's new imigration law which went into effect Dec. 24.

Roy J. Norene, director of the Portland office of the immigration and naturalization service, said his office has had a number of inquiries since last June, when the act was approved, but said no candidates appeared at the office the first week the Act was in effect.

One of the provisions of the new law, the so-called "McCarran act," grants Asians the privilege of naturalization if they are lawfully in this country.

Norene said he had no idea how many aliens in Oregon are eligible for citizenship under the new bill. A spokesman for the Japanese Ancestral Society of Portland estimated some 1000 persons are eligible.

CASUALTIES

Killed in Action—

★ Sgt. CASEY TORIKAWA, brother of Yukito Torikawa, 3207 Paliuli Ave., Honolulu.

★ Pfc. FRANKLIN NARUAKI IZUO, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shurei Izuo, 926-15th Ave., Honolulu.

Died of Wounds—

★ Pfc. YUKIO MURATA, brother of Henry Murata, 1338 Peleula Lane, Honolulu.

State Dep't denies temporary ban on issuance of visas

Washington, D. C.

Denying American consular officers were given instructions ordering the temporary suspension of non-immigrant, including commercial, visas, the Visa Office of the State Department this week formally advised the Washington JACL ADC office that this action was contrary to State Department directives.

California vernaculars reported that the entry of Japanese businessmen to the United States has been temporarily halted, apparently pending further clarification of the new Immigration and Nationality Act that went into effect last Dec. 24.

The Washington office was officially informed that the Visa office has not issued directives ordering the suspension of non-immigrant visas but, to the contrary, the State Department has taken steps to facilitate their handling.

The Visa Office stated that consular offices have been instructed to honor all immigrant visas issued under the old law, if the aliens are otherwise qualified, until Apr. 1, 1953.

Radio operator assigned to Greek Air Force killed in Korea plane crash

Tokyo

A Nisei serviceman was killed Dec. 24 when a twin-engined Greek Air Force transport plane crashed into a hill shortly after taking off from an airfield in southern Korea. Among the 14 killed was Pfc. Naruaki Franklin Izuo, 20, of Honolulu, assigned to the Greek plane as a radio operator.

The plane was on a routine courier circuit hop when the crash occurred.

He enlisted in the Air Force in 1951.

● Materialism has never defeated the spirit . . . The state which accepts materialism will always defeat itself.

—ARCHBISHOP STEPINAC

Report of President's commission endorses JACL-ADC position on new Walter-McCarran bill; list Japanese to be among 100,000 additional priority immigrants

Washington

While denouncing virtually every section of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, the report of the President's Commission on Immigration and Naturalization unqualifiedly endorsed the enactment of equality in naturalization and the repeal of the Oriental Exclusion Acts, the two provisions consistently urged by the JACL ADC.

Noting that newspaper stories on the report of the President's Commission have featured exclusively the negative comments of the Commission on the Walter-McCarran Act, the Washington Office of the JACL ADC called attention to the lesser publicized sections of the report, which acknowledged the improvements established by the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952.

Former immigration policy fomented illwill for U. S.

In the chapter headed "Immigration and Our Foreign Policy," the report specifically cites the costly illwill which stemmed from the Japanese exclusion clause of the 1924 Immigration Act.

The Commission was assured by responsible experts, comments the report, that the Japanese Exclusion Act contributed to the growth of the nationalistic, militaristic, and anti-American movement in Japan, culminating in war against the United States.

The report states:

"The repeal of Japanese exclusion in 1952 further demonstrated a growing American realization that immigration policy can be a positive as well as a negative factor in foreign policy."

The President's Commission holds, however, that the immigration needs of Asia are quite distinct from those of Europe.

The report states:

"The problems of overpopulation and refugees in Asia are of vital importance to world peace. Their solution, however, cannot—as it can in Europe—find major relief through migration."

Recommend Japanese be included in 100,000 extras

The Commission's proposal, therefore, to establish within the recommended maximum annual quota of 251,162, a three-year statutory priority of 100,000 annually for the admission of refugees, expellees, escapees, and remaining displaced persons, does not apply to Asians, with the possible exception of the Japanese.

Pointing out that the Commission, in every instance, viewed Japanese immigration problems to be different from those of other Asians, the Washington Office of the JACL ADC declared that much of the awareness of government officials with the needs of persons of Japanese ancestry could be attributed to the JACL ADC's past public relations work.

Illustrative of the distinction which the Commission draws is the following passage from the report:

"Except for Japan, which resembles the European coun-

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11 Nisei county supervisors sworn into office in Hawaii

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Honolulu

Eleven Nisei were sworn in on Jan. 2 as members of four County Board of Supervisors. All were elected or reelected to two-year terms in the fall election held throughout the Territory.

In addition, a number of other Nisei, elected to lesser county posts, took the oath of office at the same time.

The swearing in ceremony is held at the start of every biennium for elected officials of the Counties of Hawaii, Maui, Oahu and Kauai.

The occasion also marks the time for appointment of members to numerous county boards and commissions in all Counties, as they have been for some time.

Two Nisei began their term of office on the seven-man Board of Supervisors for the City-County of Honolulu, by far the most important of the four counties by virtue of having the largest population (325,000) and being the seat of the Hawaiian capital.

The two Nisei are Mitsuyuki Kido and Matsuo Takabuki, both Democrats and both newcomers to the Honolulu board. Kido is a former member of the Territorial House of Representatives, and Takabuki is a former president of the 442nd Veterans Club.

Lawrence Goto, whose reelection as Honolulu City-County treasurer was contested by his opponent until only three weeks ago, was sworn in also. His opponent finally conceded defeat after a partial recount of ballots cast Nov. 4.

A Nisei lawyer was appointed to the city's top legal position. James M. Morita, an assistant public prosecutor for the past two years, was named by Mayor John Wilson to become City Attorney.

At 39 (and still a bachelor), Morita is one of the youngest department heads in the new City administration. He is a 1940 law graduate of Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.

Only other Nisei department head is Arthur Y. Akinaka, reappointed as Building Superintendent for another two years.

Nisei were appointed to membership on the City Planning Commission, Parks Board, Traffic Safety Commission and Rent Control Commission.

In other Counties, the following Nisei took office on Boards of Supervisors:

Hawaii—Sakuichi Sakai and Dr. Bud Yoshida.

Maui—Francis S. Kage, Robert Y. Shimada and Tom Tagawa.

Kauai—Matsuki Arashiro, Matao Morita, Tom Okura and Chris Watase.

Other elected officials sworn in were:

Dick T. Tanabe, Hawaii County treasurer; G. N. Toshi Enomoto, Maui county clerk, and Toshio Kabutan, Kauai county attorney.

Among top appointive officials were:

Yoshio Inaba, new Hawaii county engineer, and Kunji Omori, new Kauai county engineer.

Sen. Knowland optimistic for Hawaiian statehood

Los Angeles

Sen. William F. Knowland (R., Calif.), new Senate policy committee chairman, said after a conference with Pres.-Elect Eisenhower that he has every reason to believe Hawaii will get her statehood "at a very early date."

The senator told newsmen he was not at liberty to say what Eisenhower's views were about statehood. Alaskan statehood was not discussed at the session, he added.

Given Ph. D. for study on family adjustment of Issei

Chicago

Miss Yuki Kimura, former staff member of the Honolulu International Institute and ex-general secretary of the Nagoya YWCA, was conferred her Ph. D. degree at the Univ. of Chicago's 254th convocation last Dec. 19.

Her doctorial thesis was based on a study of adjustments by Japanese Issei in Hawaii and in Chicago.

She is now temporarily employed in a research position by the Family Adjustment Agency here.

After studying two years at Oberlin, Miss Kimura worked in Honolulu for the YWCA from 1938, resigned in 1944 to do work with the Office of War Information in Honolulu, received her master's degree in sociology from the Univ. of Hawaii in 1947 and left that year for Chicago for her doctorate studies here.

5 ADC legislative objectives set

Washington

Five objectives to be pursued by the Japanese American Citizens League and the Anti-Discrimination Committee in the new 83rd Congress were disclosed this week by Mike Masaoka, Washington legislative consultant. As mandated by the national JACL council at the 12th biennial convention in San Francisco last summer, the first legislative objective is the statehood for Hawaii, Masaoka declared.

The JACL-ADC office in Washington will cooperate with Del. Farrington (R., T. H.) and the Hawaiian Statehood Commission in the fight to make Hawaii the 49th state of the union.

Second objective will be to seek immediate deficiency appropriations amounting to approximately $5,000,000 needed by the Dept. of Justice to pay awards made under the compromise evacuation claims program, Masaoka continued.

During the past two years, $13,500,000 have been paid while close to $19,000,000 in awards were made under the compromise program.

Parallel objective, the third,

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER . . . By Mike Masaoka

Nisei concern over new Republican-dominated Congress on so-called civil rights legislation surveyed

EDITOR'S NOTE: With this issue, Mike Masaoka begins a weekly commentary on the Washington scene as seen by a Nisei. His opinions are personal and do not necessarily represent those of the JACL.

The 83rd Congress convened on Jan. 3. Since it is the first GOP Congress since the 80th and the second in the past 22 years, Nisei may be concerned as to how they will fare under the new Republican dominated national legislature.

In this connection, it is worthwhile to recall that it was the Republican 80th Congress that first enacted legislation for the benefit of persons of Japanese ancestry after World War II.

In 1947, it amended the Soldier Brides Act to permit the admission for 30 days of Japanese wives of American veterans and servicemen, the first breach in the Japanese Exclusion Law since 1924.

One year later, the same Congress passed legislation authorizing the payment of certain evacuation claims and the suspension of deportation of some 2,000 Japanese treaty merchants, students, and visitors whose immigration status had been changed by circumstances of war.

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Special remedial legislation precluded political display

Actually, though, consideration of special remedial and corrective legislation for the benefit of persons of Japanese ancestry since the end of World War II has not been a partisan matter. The very nature of the problems precluded such political treatment.

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Because the new Congress will be run by a Republican majority, paper-thin though it may be, there may be a tendency to think in terms of a housecleaning because of the changeover in leadership.

As a matter of fact, it must be remembered that most of the "old faces" will again be present. Sixty members of the Senate will be holdovers and 20 others were re-elected. This means that only 16 are newcomers.



Sen. Taft from the Midwest should give most legislation a regional flavoring . . .

In the House, only 81 are newcomers, with 352 or 81 percent of the members being holdovers. There are two vacancies, both the result of the deaths of long-time Democrats Sabath of Illinois and Cox of Georgia.

Even though there has been a change in leadership, with so many holdovers continuing to serve in the Congress, drastic changes are not anticipated.

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On the House side, the GOP has only ten more seats than the Democrats while in the Senate the margin is only one, with the uncertain vote of Wayne Morse possibly increasing this to two.

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If the pattern of the past several congresses continues, the Republicans can count on the support of most of the Southern Dixiecrat Democrats to boost their margin of control considerably. To retain this alliance with the Southern bloc, the GOP leadership may soft-pedal civil rights legislation.

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New congress leaders dim on civil rights

As to the chairmanships of the powerful law-writing committees, the new Congress will see them passing from the hands of the South and the industrial North to the Midwest. This, coupled with the fact that Pres.-Elect Eisenhower, Sen. Robert Taft, and Rep. Charles Halleck are all from the Midwest, should give most legislation a regional flavoring. Taft of Ohio and Halleck of Indiana are the respective majority floor leaders in the Senate and the House, with responsibilities for guiding legislation through their respective chambers.

Summed up, the makeup and the leadership of the 83rd Congress does not suggest one favorably inclined towards so-called civil rights legislation, although aggressive leadership on the part of General Eisenhower can change this situation considerably.

The real change will occur in the executive, not the legislative, branch of government. After the inauguration on January 20th, a complete housecleaning of the top echelons can be expected, since cabinet and sub-cabinet offices are appointive and not elective.

LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER . . . by Henry Mori

Angelenos get back into harness after hectic Holiday season; civic center expansion delights

Table is turned . . .

Probably nothing inflates a writer of sort than to be asked by another publication to "contribute'" his talent for the sake of their readers.

Harry Honda, editor of the Pacific Citizen, who used to conduct a weekly column, "Very Truly Yours," in the English Section of the Rafu Shimpo has made a request.

Instead of being backward or hesitant, we said: "If it helps to fill up space in your paper, we'll oblige . . ." "That's what they all say," Honda chuckled. "They'll break their backs, sit up half the night preparing the stuff, and when it's all in shape, they modestly say: 'Well, Harry, here it is, if you don't like it, just throw it in the wastebasket."

Our ego will not let him throw our stuff away. As you notice, it's in print. But then, he's the editor. Quien sabe?

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Rain, chimes, and no smog . . .

Angelenos are getting more than their share of rain this season. But what a beautiful day it was on New Year's Day. Typically Southern California, it was clear and sunny.

Li'l Tokio residents who enjoyed Yuletide carols during the latter part of December—the music emanating from atop the City Hall tower—are being favored with the continuation of carillon concerts.

J. Arthur Lewis, Bureau of Music coordinator, said the music will be on daily, including Saturday and Sunday, from 12:30 p.m. to 1, and 6 to 6:30 p.m. It'll be on through Easter.

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So wonderful here . . .

Mayor Fletcher Bowron "visited" the outskirts of Li'l Tokio last week. He took part in the ground-breaking ceremony to start the much-awaited Health Administration Bldg. and the Police Facilities Bldg. The chief thinks the projects will be completed within two years.

What will really make local merchants happy will be the widening soon of northside streets between First and Main to San Pedro Sts. It'll result in more traffic elbow, but there's fear of a bottleneck on the corner of First and San, too.

Californians will be paying at least three extra cents on each gallon of gas by June. The hike going to the service station, one cent; to cover higher cost of crude oil prices, one cent; and to the state in form of taxes, one cent.

The consumer's wallet gets lighter.

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Holiday is over . . .

Normalcy has returned to Li'l Tokio business section which annually observes faithfully the four-or-five day holiday the first part of January.

There's something sluggish about the first month of the year. You don't quicken to daily chores; your mind is still hazy from the overdose of Yuletide and New Year spirits.

January means the paying up of countless bills; of weakening on resolutions which now "doesn't amount to a pile of beans," of taking down old calendars for new, and of making futile attempts to get back into harness.

Even employment is at its lowest ebb, some economists say. But it doesn't take one too long to get back on his feet.

Before you know it, spring will be around the corner.

READER'S DIGEST MAY PUBLISH ARTICLE ON JAPANESE WAR BRIDES

New York

Reader's Digest is understood to be working on an article concerning the lives of Japanese war brides now in the United States.

Married to non-Japanese in most instances, they are living in all parts of the United States, in cities and towns where no appreciable numbers of persons of Japanese descent reside.

2,000 T. H. Issei seek citizenship

Honolulu

First group of Japanese the new Immigration and Nationality Act began last Monday morning took naturalization examinations at the office of the clerk of the U. S. District Court here.

Among the first to appear were Mrs. Shizuto Nishi, Honolulu International Institute staff member; Tetsuo Toyama, one of the organizers of the Naturalization Encouragement Committee; and Curtis Otani, newspaperman.

Immigration officials pointed out some 2,000 have filed petitions and examinations appointments will be made at the rate of 18 per day.

Oregon Nisei president at Univ. of Idaho dorm

Moscow, Idaho

Tad Kuga, former Ontario high school student, has been elected president of Pine Hall, a men's dormitory at the University of Idaho in Moscow.

Although only a freshman at the university, he has already shown remarkable leadership, initiative and friendliness, fellow students report. He played on the first string football, volley ball and basketball teams of Pine Hall in intra-mural activities, and was selected captain of the basketball team.

Title cleared for Fresno Home for Aged purchase

Fresno

The Fresno Buddhist Church was recently informed their deed contract for what will be a home for the aged, situated between Fowler and Parlier, has been completed by a title insurance firm here. It will be called Asoka Home, after a Indian king whose name means "nothing to worry about."

San Luis Obispo Nisei initiated Lions president

San Luis Obispo

Karl Taku picked up the Lions club presidential reins last Sunday night from Everett Bey at a formal installation dinner here. The midwinter elections occasioned by Bey's resignation moved three vice-presidents up the ladder with Taku becoming president.

Sansei born Jan. 1 with two pearly teeth

Hanford

A daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sakaguchi on Jan. 1, was the first baby of the year for this area. The Hanford Sentinel reported she was born with white pearly teeth.

Whereabouts sought

Tokyo

Whereabouts of Toshio Kido, 50, and Charles Yoshio Kido, 39, are being sought by Mrs. Lucille Chen, their sister, who can be reached care of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Box 4, APO 925, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco. She added both were in Los Angeles when she left for Japan in 1936.

● Next to the pulpit—and perhaps even more so than the pulpit—the press has the widest influence for good or evil.

—ALBEN BARKLEY

Tsukiyama heads T.H. senate

Honolulu

Wilfred C. Tsukiyama, Honolulu attorney, is slated to become Senate President of the Hawaiian Legislature for the third successive term when the Legislature convenes in mid-February.

He was the unanimous choice of eight Republican Senators who caucused Dec. 30 to organize the Senate for the coming session. The eight Republicans comprise a bare majority of the 15 member Senate, the rest all being Democrats.

Tsukiyama's selection by fellow Republicans is regarded as a tribute to his efficiency and fairness as presiding officer of the Senate in the past two sessions. Democrats, too, are expected to go along with the GOP choice of Tsukiyama without much reluctance since they have expressed satisfaction with his performance in the past.

Three other Nisei Republican senators are assured of several committee chairmanships, as a result of caucus decisions.

Sen. Joe Itagaki will be chairman of the Public Health and Printing committees; Sen. Noboru Miyake, chairman of the Education and Kauai Select Committees; and Sen. Toshio Ansai, chairman of the Agriculture and Maui Select Committees.

Sen. Tsukiyama has indicated that the minority of seven Democrats will be assigned memberships on all committees. Among the seven are two Nisei—Tom Okino and Kazuhisa Abe.

Seattle-born boys in Kobe presented induction notices

Kobe

Two Seattle-born Japanese brothers, who returned to Japan with their parents 15 years ago, recently received notices from the Seattle draft board to report to the nearest United States military installation for pre-induction examinations.

Hiroshi Makita, 22, and his brother Takashi, 20, both university students, returned with their parents when they were 8 and 6 years old respectively. Both are receiving food rations as Japanese but Dec. 2 they received notices to report for physical examinations.

Capt. Gordon Smith, medical officer of the Osaka Army Hospital, who examined the brothers, said, "This is an extremely rare case."

Hiroshi said, "This notice is only natural since we have been registered with the American consulate in Kobe."

However, he said, since he was stricken with asthma it might not be possible for him to serve in the Armed Forces, but that his brother Takashi, who is a member of his university's American football team, should be eligible.

Hiroshi said his brother Takashi is now studying the English language in preparation for the induction.

Third Nisei qualifies for submarine duty

Honolulu

Believed to be the third Nisei to qualify for submarine duty in the U. S. Navy is Francis I. Uyeda, fireman-engineman, now serving aboard the USS Scabbardfish in extensive training operations off Hawaii.

He enlisted in the Navy Oct. 1951, after graduating from Farrington High School.

JOURNEY THROUGH JAPAN . . . by Saburo Kido

Major problems of a new Japan compounded by obstacles of prewar ultra-nationalism and customs

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Surface indications belie the multitude of problems with which new Japan is confronted.

There is no doubt that a defeated nation is trying to emerge from a tragic war; but its obstacles are those traditions and customs which are raising their heads again with the independence of Japan. Its people and government are trying to adjust themselves. The imprint of occupation must be synchronized with the old ways before Japan and her people will feel stabilized.

It was a free Japan we visited. There was no Kempei-tai or Tokuko-tai to check our movements. We still recall the accounts of how Nisei were trailed all over Japan during the pre-war days.

The danger for a democratic Japan lies in her centralization. If prefectural governments can have greater autonomy, democracy may have a better chance against prewar thinking and traditions. However, this does not seem possible because of the expenditures involved and the differences in the economic strength of the prefeetures.

If the people can continue to feel themselves as peers of the government officials, there is hope. But the indoctrination of many years may be difficult to erase.

One of the paramount issues before the Japanese people today is the question of rearmament.

On the one hand, the Yoshida government is being besieged to push rearmament. On the other hand, there is a decided opposition by the Japanese people.

The Japanese Constitution was written in English by occupation experts and translated into Japanese. In other words, this document was given to Japan during the occupation days so there was no alternative but to accept those provisions.

Will Japan be hated again for rearming?

There is no doubt that the American framers had miscalculated world events. Their enthusiasm to draft an ideal document and make Japan the shining example for world peace led to the insertion of Article 9 which is now plaguing the Yoshida cabinet and the American government. It reads in part as follows:

". . . land, sea, and air forces, as well as other war potential, will never be maintained. The right of belligerency of the state will not be recognized."

There is no mention in the Constitution about armed forces. A simple saving clause to provide for "self-defense" would have met the situation. No one, however, contemplated that Japan would be needed to man her own defenses so soon.

The wording and intent seems so clear that there does not seem to be any room for argument that the Yoshida government is treading dangerous grounds by maintaining the present security force which is wearing American uniforms and training with small or light weapons.

The Yoshida government has the situation sized up accurately and is caught in the middle. An amendment to Article 9 must be presented to the people in order to legally maintain any semblance of armed forces.

A national plebiscite on the question of rearmament means a certain defeat at this stage. The people are sick and tired of war. They fear that Japan may become the battleground, which will mean rains of bombs again.

The question of financing such a rearmament program enters into the picture too. The people feel that taxes are heavy enough.

Members of the Diet and leaders of various walks of life seem to be convinced that rearmament will take place eventually. But they claim that the morale of the people must be strengthened—their pride must be aroused first.

Dangers of the revival of a military clique is a gamble that the Western Allies will be taking by pressuring Japan to rearm.

One Japanese ex-soldier stated, "Give us back our overseas possessions, such as Manchuria, and we will gladly fight."

Rearmament is closely tied with the future Japanese-American relationship.

It is a question which involves cooperation and friendship or hatred. Depending upon how the desired results are attained will influence the thinking of the Japanese people towards the United States in the years to come.

Its Constitution states that "the Emperor shall be the symbol of the State and of the Unity of the people, deriving his position from the will of the people with whom resides sovereign power."

Symbol of Emperor replaced by Hinomaru

A sidelight may indicate the change that the Constitution has created.

For instance, the chrysanthemum emblem symbolizes the Japanese Imperial Throne. Therefore, all Japanese offices and buildings had this insignia at some conspicuous place in the prewar days. However, this is regarded as improper since the sovereign power is in the people. The Japanese flag is now the symbol instead of the chrysanthemum.

We have jokingly mentioned about Japanese consulates and other offices overseas using the chrysanthemum emblem again, which is contrary to law.

There is no doubt that the Japanese Constitution expresses in strong terms the rights of the individual citizen.

Whether the people understand it or not remains to be seen. A vigorous educational campaign seems to be necessary to imbue them with the ideals of civil rights and liberties.

The ugly head of "thought control" already is in the making as a result of the Communist scare. The dangerous trend in Japan of curtailing individual rights because of the suspicions cast upon anyone with liberal thinking has its repercussions.

Organizations have to ponder whether their actions will be considered obstructive or not before they attempt any movement in the public interest.

No one knows how narrow the government i sgoing to interpret the law.

Everyone is beginning to be afraid. This is an unhealthy trend for Japan which is just emerging to take its place among the family of nations as one of the champions of democracy.

To be Continued

161 Issei complete U.S. citizenship study

San Francisco

Graduation exercises for 161 Issei who completed a 10-week Americanization class were held last Sunday at the First Evangelical and Reformed Church here.

It was the first class to complete a citizenship course conducted in Japanese under supervision of a city school system. Presenting certificates were Kiyoshi Tomikawa, instructor, and Dr. Edward Goldman, coordinator of adult education for San Francisco public schools.

Goldman remarked that as far as he knew, it was the first time in the history of the United States that a public school held an Americanization class in a language other than English and highly commended the students for their diligence. "The JACL should be commended also for its keen interest and assistance in cosponsoring these classes," he added.

The program opened with a color guard from the Townsend Harris American Legion post posting the colors and leading the salute. Mrs. Eva Takahashi, accompanied by Kewa Okamoto, sang "America the Beautiful." Victor S. Abe, chairman of the Committee on Citizenship for Issei, and Fred Hoshiyama, San Francisco JACL chapter president, extended greetings.

Haruo Ishimaru congratulated the Issei students on behalf of the National JACL. Responding were Shichisaburo Hideshima, Keisaku Dobashi and Motoji Kitano. Chosaburo Shibata, 76, was the oldest student graduating.

It was announced the second series would start Jan. 19 and 20 at the same place—the E & R church with registration starting at 7 p.m. on both days. Yukio Kumamoto will be the new instructor.

Coroner's jury fails to place blame on faulty diagnosis in baby's death

Los Angeles

A coroner's jury Dec. 30 held the death of a 17-month-old baby to be negligent but reserved judgment as to who was responsible.

The verdict involved the traffic accident in which Anthony Jerome Strait suffered a ruptured kidney and diaphragm, bleeding to death several hours after the auto-truck accident on Dec. 21.

Prior to the verdict, however, a local weekly focused attention on a too-hasty decision of Dr. Sue Magara, who was on duty at the Tweedy Emergency Hospital, owned by Dr. Victor Makita. Relatives of the victim felt there was apparent negligence on the part of the doctors at the emergency hospital.

The baby died a few hours after the doctor had taped up his chest and treated him for minor injuries.

Relatives told this local weekly the doctor assured them there was "nothing to worry about," that the child should be taken home for some rest. An autopsy showed otherwise.

The coroner's verdict last week did not blame the faulty diagnosis of the emergency hospital attendants.

Any determination of fault, the coroner's office explained to the parents of the victim, would have to be made in court. The family intends to sue, it was reported.

Bill introduced to seek change in I & N law

Washington

Rep. William A. Barrett (D., Pa.) announced Jan. 3 he was introducing a bill to repeal the new Walter-McCarran immigration bill outright. He proposed a return to the laws in force before that measure was passed by the last Congress.

Rep. Jacob K. Javits (R., N. Y.) tackled the problem by less direct means by offering a bill asking the House to order the rewriting of the law.

Barrett called attention to the criticism of the Immigration and Nationality Act this past week by the study commission set up by President Truman and added sharp words of his own.

"The McCarran-Walter Act destroys the fundamental principles on which our democracy was founded and makes second-class citizens of the present generation of immigrants who have already contributed greatly toward the industrial and cultural development of our country," he said.

"It discourages and excludes from immigration into the United States many persons who, like their relatives and ancestors, would ensure that our country would remain the symbol of the progress that can only be achieved under a true democratic form of government.

"The few desirable features of the McCarran-Walter Act are so outweighed by its racial, religious and national origin discriminations, as well as administrative snarls, that outright repeal is the only practcal way of remedying its injustices and inconsistencies."

Service station owner held up

Seattle

Jack Kudo spent a dampened Christmas when a young bandit wearing rubber gloves and a white handkerchief mask held up a service station at 1622 Yesler Way Dec. 22, escaping with $85.

As part owner of the station, Kudo told police the robber walked in, showed an automatic pistol, demanded the cash from the till. He took $55 from the cashbox and then took Kudo's wallet containing $30. Then the victim was forced into a back room and apparently fled on foot.

'Mme. Butterfly' theme wins Rose Parade prize

Pasadena

"Madame Butterfly" won the sweepstakes prize of the 1953 Tournament of Roses with its wistful recreation of heroine in her Japanese garden. The float was entered by the city of Glendale.

Turnaway crowd jams Honolulu victory fete

Honolulu

A turnaway crowd of 500, most of them prospective citizens of the United States, attended a citizenship luncheon Dec. 28 here sponsored by the Naturalization Encouragement Committee to celebrate the enactment of the so-called McCarran law.

Seven speakers, including Territorial Gov. Oren E. Long, expressed words of appreciation and encouragement.

L. A. auto accident sends Issei to hospital

Los Angeles

Bantaro Osajima, 3427 Fifth Ave., was seriously injured when his car was struck broadside at the intersection of Western Ave. and 36th Pl. about 9:30 a.m., Dec. 31. He was hospitalized with four broken ribs and concussion.

GOV. WARREN'S 1953 MESSAGE TO LEGISLATURE MUM ON FEPC, HEALTH

Sacramento

Gov. Earl Warren's message presented at the opening of the 120-day California general session last Monday touched on many phases of desired legislation for 1953.

But noticeably missing were two controversial topics of the past year—compulsory health insurance and fair employment legislation.

Son of prewar premier wants to live in California

Tokyo

A brief message on an International Red Cross letter form brightened the New Year in the household of the late Prince Fumimaro Konoye, prewar Japanese premier, from "Butch" Fumitaka Konoye, eldest son, has been received from a Soviet Russian PW camp.

The former Princeton University golf team captain sent word last week to break a seven year's silence that he is alive, expressing the hope of living the life he knew as an undergraduate in the United States.

"When I return, I would like to take mother and Masako to California to live," he wrote. The letter bore a Vladivostok postmark with a return address: Soviet Post Office Box 6125/4.

It was the first concrete evidence the Konoye family has had of "Butch" who was an officer in the Japanese Kwangtung army, which was swallowed behind the Iron Curtain when the Russian army attacked Japan nine days before the war ended in the summer of 1945.

Asphyxiated trio revived by police

New York

Speedy emergency treatment by police last Sunday saved the infant daughter of a Korean veteran and his Japanese war bride, overcome by gas fumes which killed another tenant in their apartment building.

Sgt. Nicholas Bezubiak told police he was awakened by his wife, Fusako, who detected escaping gas. Discovering their daughter, Marlene, unconscious in her crib, Bezubiak ran to a nearby police station where police quickly applied artificial respiration to the youngster.

Mrs. Bezubiak returned to the tiny flat to find her older child, Michael, unconscious. She snatched the youngster and hurried to the police station, collapsing as she reached the door. The mother and child were revived by emergency crewmen.

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Judging from all the smiling faces, one would not suspect they started to lay groundwork for the stupendous 1954 National JACL Convention at the Statler Hotel in Los Angeles. They are in the process of a dinner in the Statler's Washington Room. (The trick shall be to maintain this composure a few weeks 'fore and after the convention.) Seated from left to right, (foreground) Dr. Tom Watanabe, Ritsuko Kawakami, Sam Ishikawa, Mrs. Merijane Yokoe, Dick Fujioka, Mrs. Roy Nishikawa, Tut Yata and Mrs. Sue Takimoto Joe; (back) Art Ito, Edison Uno, Miwa Yanamoto, Tats Kushida, Harry Fujita, Ken Dyo, Mrs. Frank Chuman, Frank Chuman, Mrs. Marvel Miyata, Dr. Roy Nishikawa, chairman; and George Inagaki, all members of the convention board.
—Roy Hoshizaki photo.

Denver CL in recognition fete to Issei, Nisei

Denver

More than 80 guests & members of the Denver JACL chapter attended the annual Recognitions dinner New Year's eve at the Albany Hotel to honor Nisei and Issei who have aided in the JACL program in this area.

Tak Terasaki was toastmaster.

Larry and Guyo Tajiri, formerly of the Pacific Citizen in Salt Lake City, were special guests of honor. Larry Tajiri introduced Bill Hosokawa and Min Yasui, winners of Distinguished Achievement Awards at the National JACL convention in San Francisco this past summer.

Retiring president Roy H. Mayeda was presented with a past-president's pearl-studded JACL pin.

Tosh Ando, nominations and election committee chairman, announced John Noguchi as the president of the Mile-Hi JACL to be assisted by Dr. George M. Takeno, 1st v.p.; Harry Sakata, 2nd v.p.; George Fujimoto, 3rd v.p.; True Yasui, cor. sec.; Ruby Okubo, rec. sec.; Robert M. Horiuchi, treas.; Jess Masunaga, fin.; Shig Teraji, ath.; and Jennie Kitagawa, Bulletin editor. Min Yasui, Mountain-Plains regional director, installed them into office.

Special recognition was given to Issei KKD members including Z. Kanegaye, chmn.; Harry G. Matoba, David Omiya, E. Suzuki and H. Iguchi.

Fort Lupton guests headed by Floyd Koshio, Jack Tsuhara and Leo Murata were recognized. Out-of-town visitors introduced were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harada, Lovington, N.M., and Dr. Harry Matsuyama, Scottsbluff, Neb.

Haruko Kobayashi recognized various chapter members who assisted during the year.

Among those mentioned were Taki Domoto, Jr., polio drive; Y. Terasaki and Atsuyo Ito, membership; Tsuyako Takata, Red Cross blood donor campaign; Sam Matsumoto, Ruie Taniguchi, Harry Shibao, Cornelians and Brighton Nisei Women's club, Adams City JACL-ADC benefit.

Also Bess Shiyomura, Roy Takeno and George Masunaga, Mt.-Plains District convention; John Noguchi, National JACL bowling tournament; Shizuko Yoshimura, Red Cross drive; Tak Terasaki, "Rashomon" benefit; George Fujimoto, Ken Imamura, community square dance.

Jean Fujimoto, Mitchie Terasaki, Oriental food benefit; Tosh Ando, Denver Memorial day; Mami Katagiri, community picnic; Jennie Kitagawa, "I Am an American" day program; Bernice Ohashi, potluck dinner; and Mary Takamine, P.C. drive.

Following dinner, the inaugural ball was held with more than 350 attending. George Masunaga and Shig Teraji were joint chairmen.

Civil defense topic at Southwest L. A.

Los Angeles

The atomic bombing of Hiroshima will be the feature movie of the first regular meeting of the Southwest Los Angeles JACL chapter next Tuesday, Jan. 13 at Centenary Methodist Church, it was announced by Mack Hamaguchi, chapter president.

Two motion pictures provided through Mr. DuVernet, Southwest Los Angeles coordinator of Civilian Defense, will headline a busy evening's program. "Tale of Two Cities" is the official documentation of the Hiroshima bombing, while "Operation Greenhouse" is a documentary film on atomic energy.

Registration of Issei will be given as a free service by chapter members from 8 p.m., said Hamaguchi. Assistance in filling out naturalization applications, form N-400, will also be given, he added.

East L. A. CLer hosts light metals engineer

Los Angeles

Joe S. Yamamoto, former Salt Lake City resident and East Los Angeles JACLer, hosted Ichiro Nakayama, sales manager and engineer for the Nippon Light Metal Co., of Tokyo, a recent visitor here.

Nakayama, who departed for New York last week, will tour Canada before returning to Japan next month. He is studying modern production technique in aluminum and light metals.

It's these things (Nisei Memorial monument at Seattle's Lakeview cemetery and Nisei Memorial Clubhouse) that perpetuate fellowship among the vets.
—BRIG. GEN. CHARLES PENCE

DENVER JACL CHAPTER CHANGES NAME TO 'MILE-HI' JACL

Denver

"Mile-Hi JACL" is the new title for the old Denver JACL chapter to indicate the geographic growth of the chapter. Its offices are located at 1225-20th St., Denver, and will serve the larger metropolitan area of the Mile High city.

The change was effected Dec. 31, when a constitutional amendment was passed by ¾ of the majority of the Denver chapter membership.

Ted Hiramoto elected chapter president

Visalia

Ted Hiramoto was elected president of the Tulare County JACL chapter for 1953 recently, assisted by Yekio Tashiro, treas.; Bill Ishida, literary chmn.; and Tak Ishizue, sec.

District chairman are Mike Imoto, Lindsay; Masa Hanada, Orosi; Jimmy Hatakida, Visalia; and George Kawano, Dinuba.

Albuquerque JACL picks 1953 chapter cabinet

Albuquerque

New officers for the year 1953 of the Albuquerque JACL chapter were elected with Charles Matsubara chosen to lead the group as president.

He will be assisted by Mike Yonemoto, 1st v.p.; Hiroshi Morimoto, 2nd v.p.; Helene Saeda, sec.; Tazue Yonemoto, treas.

Orange County CL slates films, alien registration night

Santa Ana

Orange County Issei can kill two birds with one stone tomorrow night.

In appreciation for their support of the chapter, the Orange County JACL chapter sponsors an "appreciation" movie night at Westminster Grammar School auditorium starting at 7 p.m. Films to be shown are "Nakayama Yasubei" and "Haha Machi Kusa," it was disclosed by Hitoshi Nitta, chapter president.

Chapter members will be on hand to assist Issei fill out their Address Report forms. They will also help throughout the month.

Saburo Kido, Los Angeles attorney, will explain provisions of the new Immigration and Nationality Act as it affects persons of Japanese ancestry.

Asai reelected New York CL head

New York

Woodrow Asai was reelected president of the New York JACL chapter at its election meeting Dec. 18 at the Japanese Methodist Church.

With no further nominations being made from the floor, the entire slate as presented by the nominations committee was approved and voted into office.

Other officers are Joe Oyama, v.p.; Ricki Suzuki, treas.; Lorrain Miyahara, rec. sec.; Marie Kurihara, cor. sec.; Yoshitaka Imai, financial director; Sachi Ohno, membership; Lily Fukuhara, pub.; and Susan Kubota, hist.

Pacific Southwest credit union declares dividend

Los Angeles

The board of directors of the Pacific Southwest JACL credit union declared a dividend of 3 percent for the year 1952 this week.

The checks will be distributed to members at the annual meeting to be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church on Saturday, Jan. 31, to those who dividends amount to $1 or more. Others will be notified and their payments credited to their accounts.

With the 20 percent required by law to be set in reserve, there is close to $1,000 in this account now, it was reported.

CHAPTER MEMOS

Albuquerque JACL: A gay semi-formal Christmas eve was attended by local Nisei at the Yonemoto residence with Sets Matsumoto, Helen Saeda, Suzi Yamamoto, Micky Yamamoto and Tazue Yonemoto in charge. The same group celebrated New Year's eve at the John Nakayama residence.

Yellowstone JACL: Mrs. Mary Hikida and Taka Ugaki chaired the New Year's eve party for the chapter at the JACL Hall in Rexburg, Ida.

Southwest L. A. JACL: Chapter auditor George Tada is doubling up on duty to chair the 1953 membership drive . . . The chapter will assist Issei file their annual alien address report forms I-53 at the Jan. 13 general meeting at the Centenary Methodist Church.

JACL 1000 CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Salt Lake City

Two life memberships, one sixth-year, five fifth-year, nine fourth-year, ten third-year, six second-year and five first-year memberships in the JACL 1000 Club were received at National Headquarters during the fourth quarter, 1952.

Life Membership

George Inagaki, Venice
Yukie Inagaki, Venice

Sixth Year

William Enomoto, Redwood City

Fifth Year

Alice Kasai, Salt Lake City
Sim Togasaki, Alameda
Yuriko Yamashita, Berkeley
Y. Butch Tamura, Pasadena
Arthur Ito, Los Angeles

Fourth Year

Yas Abiko, San Francisco
Akiji Yoshimura, Colusa
Ray Yasui, Hood River, Ore.
Noboru Honda, Chicago
Thomas Hayashi, New York
George Kobata, Gardena
Joe Owashi, San Diego
Harry Masto, Moses Lake, Wash.
Sho Iino, Los Angeles

Third Year

Sud Morishita, Idaho Falls, Ida.
Tom Sakai, Indio
Chiz Satow, Salt Lake City
Alfred Obayashi, San Diego
Mamaro Wakasugi, Weiser, Ida.
Dr. Joseph Sasaki, Ann Arbor, Mich.
Kenji Tashiro, Orosi
Henry Kato, Portland, Ore.
Chiyo Kato, Portland, Ore.
Dr. James Taguchi, Dayton, Ohio

Second Year

Ed Harper, Idaho Falls, Ida.
Haruo Ishimaru, San Francisco
Dr. Tokuji Hedani, San Francisco
Frank Shimohara, Los Angeles
Todd Kuwana, Idaho Falls, Ida.
Charley Hirai, Idaho Falls, Ida.

First Year

Yukio Okamoto, White Bear Lake, Minn.
Dito Harada, Firth, Ida.
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Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Zen Aoyagi of Tochigi-ken, whose last known address was Brooklyn, N. Y., please contact his nephew Henry Aoyagi, 2409½ E. 1st St., Los Angeles, California.

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—VERY TRULY YOURS—

Cooking

—By Harry K. Honda—

From various quarters have come comments, solicited and unsolicited, concerning the radical change in the format of the P. C. We've been asked many times "how come no column rules" and this issue is a result of a low-gear conference we've been holding the past several weeks . . . **Limited by our mechanical facilities, the P. C. shall be dressed in this fashion for sometime . . .** I'm convinced that if the readers would like to see column rules, column rules it shall be . . . **This is a JACL organizational paper and one of the first rules is to please its membership as much as possible.**

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For sometime, too, women subscribers have wondered what became of the Japanese recipes . . . **We're working on it. It's a matter of having someone translate what we have in Japanese . . .** So much has been said in the past about assimilation and integration into the American way of life, I've wondered if some sensitive Nisei thought it heretical to eat a bowl of rice with chopsticks and nibble smelly takuwan . . . But when inquiries reach this desk asking that Japanese recipes be continued, it's heartening to see Nisei recognize the reality of themselves—that we're a people whose tastes have been conditioned by a culture from the Far East . . . **It appears ridiculous to eat what your neighbor eats just to show him you're both of equal stature . . .** I wouldn't be a bit surprised to meet a Nisei who'd stick to meat and potatoes three times a day to push his point. The Japanese are noted for their fish and rice and some Nisei tongues prefer rolling such victuals stomachward . . . On the whole, though, we manage on a combination of both styles of cooking . . . The assimilation-minded Nisei used to preach how much we should avoid Li'l Tokio's, Nisei cliques in school or at work in the field of human relations. . . . **They didn't have the nerve or probably overlooked the field of gastronomics. If by confining ourselves in ghettos we offended ourselves sociologically, what might be the consequences of meeting someone outside your clique after having eaten a dishful of "rakkyo" and had chewed on dried sardines cooked in shoyu?**

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Between that combination of Japanese foodstuff and a fellow who ate roast lamb liberally spiked with garlic—I'd rather smoke my worst smelling pipeful of tobacco for atmosphere.

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Within the past few years, sociology tyros aren't as vociferous as their Nisei predecessors of prewar days . . . Environment today as a result of politics and legalistics is pretty much the way the progressive-minded Nisei of 20 years ago have eyed: a chance to buy a house anywhere, good jobs, social acceptance . . . **As a contrast, the Hakujin who spent several years in occupied Japan has come home more "Japanized" than his counterpart "Americanized" Nisei who's stayed a lifetime here . . .** The humorous tale of a tough "sarge" with duty in the Far East is passed along by a recent rookie visiting us. When his sarge gets mad at some rookie being out of step, he yells his vehemence in Japanese.

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● **AUTHORS**—Book being read for review shortly is Mrs. Monica (Itoi) Sone's story titled "Nisei Daughter," to be issued Feb. 2 by Little, Brown & Co., Boston. It's the personal tale of a Seattle Nisei girl before the war and her experiences at Minidoka. It looks like fast reading . . . **Not so fast reading is a book published by Princeton, "The Restoration Comedy of Wit," by Thomas H. Fujimura, who earned his Ph. D. in English at Harvard . . .**

ADC objectives

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is to secure administrative funds for the department to expedite processing of larger claims which have yet to be adjudicated.

Masaoka indicated the hope of a procedure similar to the highly successful compromise formula could be developed for the larger claims. The need for supplementary legislation regarding larger claims will be studied after conference with the new Attorney General Herbert Brownell, who will not assume office until the Presidential inauguration Jan. 20.

The fourth objective as given by Masaoka seeks to restore U. S. citizenship to Nisei who lost theirs by voting in the Japanese elections.

No action was taken on legislation, introduced last year by Rep. Holifield (D., Calif.) at the request of the JACL-ADC, providing restoration of American citizenship to such Nisei.

While in Japan, Masaoka met various Nisei who lost their citizenship by voting in Japanese elections to ascertain the problem and particular number of Nisei involved. With certain facts clear, Masaoka said, the Washington JACL-ADC office intends to press during this session for passage of such a bill.

The fifth legislative objective concerns the fight for legislation in the general field of civil rights including fair employment practices, anti-filibuster measures, elimination of racial segregation in public housing, anti-violence and anti-lynch measures, poll-tax abolition, and other humanitarian legislation endorsed by the National JACL Board, Masaoka said.

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The Washington office will also study with other interested organizations the legislative and administrative needs of the new Immigration and Nationality Act.

It is interesting to note, Masaoka commented, that the only two civil rights proposals passed by Congress since the 1946 report of the President's Civil Rights Commission were equality in naturalization and a program compensating persons of Japanese ancestry for losses sustained in the evacuation—two items urged by the JACL-ADC.

442nd veteran revisits Europe

(Men of the 442nd and 100th Infantry have been home for several years now and probably wonder what Europe is like today. Wilson Makabe, who served with the famed Nisei regimental combat team, is studying in Europe, managing to take his extended tours of places his former buddies once traversed.—The Editor.)

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By WILSON MAKABE
Trieste

Object of international controversy, Trieste today is a hustling city and apparently among the most prosperous areas in Europe, a thriving seaport with many modern post-war housing developments. In the comparative warmth of this Adriatic port city, I can reflect a bit over the various places visited during the past six months.

Munich provides the most endearing memories for me, with an outstanding variety of cultural entertainment every night and within the reach of all.

For a city the size of San Francisco, it offers even more than New York in the way of operas, theater and excellent concerts throughout the year. Good food is available at very reasonable prices, frequently including fine dinner music furnished by talented native musicians.

For a city so severely damaged by war, Munich has made remarkable economic recovery, notwithstanding the stimulus of American aid and many thousands of free-spending occupation troops.

The Christmas spirit is evident everywhere with gaily lit trees, colorful window displays and numerous Santas, accompanied by bearded men carrying rods and switches (with which to punish naughty children) and sometimes by children dressed as angels.

Tradition in Germany has St. Nick visiting the youngsters several weeks before Dec. 25. There is also a custom of having four red candles, one to be lit on each of the last four Sundays preceding Christmas Day.

Many Nisei are stationed in and near Munich. Some have been here for years, with no desire to leave.

Others dislike the severe winters or are homesick for Hawaii and the West Coast. I had the pleasure of meeting quite a few—among them, a cheerful nurse, Lt. Tanaka, whose tour of duty at the Army Hospital is nearly finished, now anxious to get home and back to civilian life.

For real homey hospitality, sincerity and friendliness, northern Scotland, away from the heavy tourist centers, appealed the most to me. Perhaps having no language obstacles and my pleasant experiences while visiting with the family of a hitch-hiker friend may have influenced my opinion here.

Of course, Bruyeres, in eastern France with its impressive "Liberation Day" ceremonies and memorial program (last October) still fresh in my mind, holds a cherished significance for me—all its own.

For magnificent buildings, works of art, lovely gardens and attractive women, Paris has my vote. (I hadn't been to Rome yet on this trip.)

For sheer scenic splendor, Switzerland, with its mountains and beautiful lakes, is unsurpassed. The cleanliness of the cities and general countryside, the charming houses and the natural healthy look of its people impressed me deeply.

Austria, in cities like Salzburg and Innsbruck, near the Brenner Pass, offered the most for one's money in meals and accommodations. At Innsbruck's Regina Hotel, a 30-shilling ($1.20) room was just as fine as an $8 one at the Lexington in NYC.

Good substantial meals may be had for from 25-50 cents, providing one gets away from the "main drag." This is quite a contrast to Paris, where a comparable room may cost from $6 to $15, depending on the name and location.

Venice, Italy, offers an entirely different fascination, where an entire city was built on piles driven into the sea and where canals serve as streets. It's a unique experience, seeing no autos, streetcars, or even bicycles—the most common means of transportation elsewhere in Europe.

During my several days there, the only thing on wheels I saw was a wheelbarrow loaded with wine bottle! There are many narrow passageways between the crowded buildings and one huge public square (St. Mark's), which was under water on the last morning of my visit, when people either waded through in rubber boots or gingerly picked their way over temporary plank bridges. Many sales people were sweeping water from their shops.

Depending almost entirely on tourist trade for survival, Venice in winter months lacks much of its famous romantic atmosphere as the thousands of gondolas float empty at their moorings.

One thing reminiscent of wartime days was the number of young boys and men eager to serve as guides for American service personnel and male civilians.

Beggars and money-changers are common also. They seem able to spot Americans instinctively.

What little I've seen of Italy thus far on this trip gives me the impression that Italy has made the least progress towards economic recovery, the most poverty and the least individual initiative. However, it is still a beautiful country in which to travel, full of exciting new adventures everywhere.

Occupation baby count in Japan 5,013; not 200,000

Tokyo

A favorite anti-American topic—G. I. babies—was punctured by the Japanese Welfare Ministry when it announced recently it can only discover 5,013 "occupation babies" in Japan.

Previous estimates published in newspapers and magazines placed figures as high as 200,000.

The survey was carried in questionnaires sent to some 37,000 doctors, hospitals and midwives.

Mrs. Miki Sawada, who returned recently from the United States where she solicited funds for her Elizabeth Saunders Home near Tokyo questioned the accuracy of the figures. "I believe there are many mothers who gave birth to such babies without the help of any midwife or doctor," she remarked.

Her home takes care of abandoned occupation babies.

Closer study of President Truman's Commission on Immigration presented

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tries in this respect, the situation in Asia is completely different . . . The structure and birth rate of the Asian populations, and the stage of economic development of their countries, are all quite different from those of the European countries. Only in Japan, with its rapidly declining birth rate can migration offer real relief for population pressure in the next few years."

Recognize substantial gains in nationality law

In the area of nationality laws, the President's Commission recognizes that the Walter-McCarran Act brings into being substantial advances over previous legislation.

The report states:

"In certain respects the Act of 1952 made significant improvements in the nationality laws. Among these were the complete abolition of the racial disqualifications, confirmations of the right to naturalization of conscientious objectors on religious scruples, elimination of the formal declaration of intention as a prerequisite for citizenship and removal of the literacy requirement for older people."

Issued simultaneously with the report, which bears the title, "Whom We Shall Welcome," was a 2,089 page volume published by the House Judiciary Committee, containing the testimonies in the hearings before the President's Commission on Immigration and Naturalization.

JACL-ADC commentaries published by House group

The Commission held hearings in 11 cities across the nation. In these hearings the JACL ADC was represented in San Francisco by Haruo Ishimaru, Northern California regional director; by Tats Kushida, Southern California regional director, in Los Angeles; and in Washington, D. C., by Richard Akagi, assistant Washington representative.

After calling attention to the salutary international affect of the enactment of the Walter-McCarran Act, Ishimaru in his testimony declared:

"We feel it is imperative that we recognize the responsibility of the United States truly demonstrating her principles of democracy and equality; if there are any changes necessary in this legislation, we hope that it will be done with a full realization that the United States must demonstrate complete equality regardless of race or national origins, and that with the combined effort of all the people in the United States this will become a more perfect piece of legislation."

Kushida in Los Angeles mentioned the legal handicaps endured by the immigrant Japanese because of their racial ineligibility to American citizenship. Kushida urged that further liberalizations of the law be made but with an eye to the internal security of the United States.

"If there is any way in which the law can be further liberalized, we would like to see the liberalizations extended in keeping with security and in fairness to all groups."

In Washington, D. C., Akagi asked the Commission to remember the needs of the Orient as well as those of Europe.

"We urge that any liberalization in immigration and naturalization," said Akagi, "be not framed solely to benefit persons . . . at least now to create the impression that these laws are solely for the benefit of persons coming from Europe, but that these liberalizations be made without regard to race and national origin."

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Expect 90 teams in National CL pin meet at San Francisco

San Francisco

An estimated cash take of $6,500 and trophies for bowlers competing in the seventh annual National JACL men's and women's bowling tournament at Downtown Bowl here Feb. 26 to Mar. 1 assures a record turnout of some 90 teams.

Tournament officials, headed by George Inai, are expecting 60 or more men teams including two squads flying in from Hawaii. And approximately 30 women teams including one from the Islands are expected. From Chicago will come the defending men champions and Seattle will send its women's titlists.

Opening the four-day event Thursday night will be the ragtime doubles. All day Friday, Feb. 27, will be occupied by the Classic Sweeper and special team matches. Official opening ceremonies are scheduled Feb. 28 at 9 a.m. with competition following in the team, doubles and singles until Sunday night when a dinner-dance will be held to present awards

The tournament is open to all JACL members and is sactioned by the American Bowling Congress and the Women's International Bowling Congress. Entries should be mailed by Feb. 1 to Downtown Bowl, corner Eddy and Jones St., San Francisco. Checks or money order should be made payable to Yosh Amino.

Entry fees are as follows:

Main events: $5.50 per event (including bowling), $1 for all-events.

Women's events: $4.50 per event (includes bowling), $1 for all-events.

Men's Sweeper, 6 games: $8 (includes bowling).

Women's Sweeper, 4 games: $5 (includes bowling).

Prize fee is being returned 100 percent in prizes.

Rules and regulations on eligibility as set by the National JACL are as follows:

1. All bowlers must be a JACL member in good standing at the time of the National Tournament entry deadline. In the event that the bowler was not a JACL member in good standing the year previous to the tournament in which he participated, he must have been a JACL member for the current year at least 60 days prior to the Tournament (or Dec. 31, 1952, in this instance).

2. Participating bowlers must have bowled at least 60 percent of their recognized Nisei League games as of one month prior to the tournament.

3. Any individuals or teams who are Nisei and have no Nisei Bowling League affiliation may bowl regardless of (2) above.

4. In the event of any question of eligibility of any participating bowler, the Tournament Committee and members of the JACL National Advisory Board on Bowling will make the final determination.

Tournament entries must be certified as to eligibility and bowling averages by the president of the local JACL chapter and the National Advisory Board member of that area.

$3,500 given keg meet winners in Boise Valley event

Complete results and prize list of the fourth annual Boise Valley JACL handicap bowling tournament held Dec. 27 to 29 have been received by the Pacific Citizen this week. It shall be published in full in next week's issue.

—Editor's Note.

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Boise, Idaho

Close to $3,500 in cash prizes plus trophies for each event were to be distributed to winners in the fourth annual Boise Valley JACL handicap tournament recently completed here.

Champions for the respective events are as follows:

Team—J. C. Watson (Parma), 2981.

Doubles—Jim Oyama (Caldwell) and Jim Kawano (Nampa), 1280.

Singles—Fred Mizuta (Ontario), 698.

All-Events—Jim Kawano (Nampa), 1940.

6-gm Sweeper—Steve Hirai (Homedale), 1287.

Mixed Doubles—Carol Daty (Seattle) and Jim Umemoto (Wapato), 1221.

Open Doubles—Sho Uchida (Ontario) and Jim Umemoto (Wapato), 1308.

Scratch Singles—Joe Sato (Pocatello), 578.

BOWLING BRIEFS

L.A. Nisei Majors: (Jan. 6)
235—HG: Jim Louig
590—HS: John Kwan

Gardena Nisei: (Dec. 30)
258—HG: Ko Arihara
624—HS: Kuma Shimamoto

Long Beach Mixed: (Dec. 26)
221—WHG: Sumi Fujimoo
574—WHS: Sumi Fujimoto

WLA JACL: (Dec. 26)
230—HG: Yosh Shimizu
613—HS: John Kitsuse

Seattle Comm.: (Dec. 27)
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613—HS: Tom Hidaka
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Ontario Classics: (Dec. 29)
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Higa battles to draw in rugged 10-rounder with Nippon lightweight champ

Tokyo

Rugged Roy Higa of Honolulu and Masaji Akiyama, Japan's lightweight champion, battled to a 10-round draw last Saturday in the first international boxing match of the new year.

It was Higa's fourth bout in Japan since he began his campaign here last July. He won a one-sided decision from Akiyoshi Akanuma, featherweight title holder, TKO's bantamweight champion Hiroshi Horiguchi, and was beaten last September by Yoshio Shirai, world flyweight champion.

Sac'to CL bowling meet Jan. 31-Feb. 1

Sacramento

Jan. 17 is the entry deadline for the fifth annual Sacramento JACL bowling tournament to be held at the Alhambra Bowl on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, it was announced by Dub Tsugawa, tournament manager.

Entries must be mailed to Masuto Fujii, 1406-4th St., Sacramento.

Bowlers from the Bay Region as well as Central California Nisei leagues are expected to compete in the handicap affair.

Guaranteed first prize of $125 plus trophy has been stipulated for the team champion. Fees are $4 per event except the all-events at $1 and handicaps are based on ⅔ of 200 average.

Wally Yonamines greet daughter born Dec. 27

Honolulu

Wally Yonamine, one of Hawaii's outstanding athletes, became a proud father Dec. 27 when his wife presented him with a belated Christmas gift, a 5 pound 7½ ounce girl, their first child.

The blessed event happened at Queen's hospital late that afternoon. Wally reports both mother and child are doing fine.

Accounting student

Salt Lake City

Isamu S. Aoki, an accounting major, was the top honor graduate of the Univ. of Utah fall quarter commencement exercises Dec. 20, it was announced by Dr. A. Ray Olpin, university president.

WORKED FOR GOVERNMENT FOR 23 YEARS:

Former Seattle interpreter for immigration service now prospective U.S. citizen in Chicago

Chicago

The prize of U. S. citizenship is within the grasp of an estimated 4,000 Japanese aliens living in Chicago.

For the first time in American history foreign-born Japanese are eligible to file a petition for naturalization. They may become voting members of the community after demonstrating an understanding of fundamental English, American history and constitutional government.

One of the happiest of the prospective new citizens is Jack K. Yasutake, 62, of 4818 Lake Park, a resident of the United States for 44 years. He is the father of four children, all born in this country.

Yasutake came to the United States when he was 18, to attend Stanford University.

After graduating from the school of business administration there, he joined the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service as an interpreter

For 23 years, Yasutake was a government servant, but doomed under existing law to remain an alien. As an influetial member of the Japanese colony in Seattle, he was named and elected to posts of honor in clubs and societies of his fellow-nationals.

Then the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Yasutake, despite his work record with the immigration service, was hustled to an internment camp in New Mexico with thousands of other Issei.

After the war, relocated in Chicago, he accepted the post of executive secretary to the Chicago Resettlers Committee, 1110 N. La Salle, an agency affiliated with the Community Fund and the Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago.

For the last seven years, the committee has assisted Issei and Nisei to become integrated into Chicago life.

At one time following World War II there were more than 20,000 Japanese and Nisei living in the city. Yasutake estimates the number is now about 13,000, and he believes these are "here to stay."

His four children, who soon will welcome their parents as "fellow citizens," are:

The Rev. Michael S. Yasutake, 32, curate at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 4945 S. Dorchester; William, 30, a graduate of the Univ. of Washington, now a fisheries expert for the U. S. government at Seattle; Mrs. May Yamada, who earned a Master of Arts degree in English at the Univ. of Chicago; and Joseph, 21, a junior at the Univ. of Illinois in Urbana.

Yasutake said the average age of the estimated 4,000 Issei in Chicago, is about 65 years.

Many of them, he said, have a scant knowledge of the English language. To prepare them for citizenship examinations, the Resettlers Committee is conductlng a series of 30-lesson courses in required subjects.

The older Japanese are taught about American history and laws in their own language, with the hope that they will be able to answer citizenship questions adequately, if only in "broken English."

Other citizenship classes are conducted in English at the committee's headquarters by teachers assigned by the Board of Education.

Although there are small colonies of Japanese and Nisei in the Oakland-Kenwood community, and in the vicinity of Clark and Division, Yasutake said the committee has opposed the creation of any "Little Tokios."

He said the group has urged Japanese-Americans who settle here to integrate themselves into typical American neighborhoods, and attend local churches and community centers. Several hundred of them have bought homes on the North Side, Yasutake said, and more than 500 Japanese and Nisei here own apartment buildings and small hotels.

Joseph A. Cushman, deputy director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, said a small number of Koreans living in Chicago also now are eligible for citizenship under the new law.

—Chicago Sun-Times

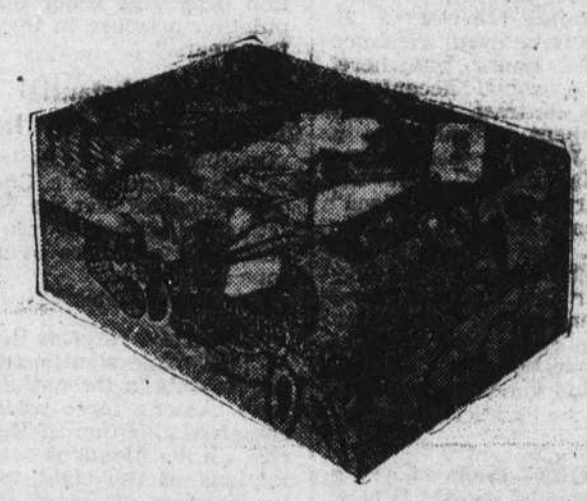
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BIRTHS

AKUTSU—Dec. 31, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Gene H. Akutsu, Seattle.

ISHII—Nov. 25, a boy Dane Kyugi to Mr. and Mrs. Bunsei Ishii (nee Annabelle Shizue Fukuzawa), Los Angeles.

KIMURA—Dec. 17, a girl Fawn Yuriko to Mr. and Mrs. Hiraku H. Kimura (nee Sachie Margaret Sakai), Los Angeles.

KINOSHITA—Dec. 25, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. Kinoshita, Denver.

KIYOHARA—Dec. 31, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Kiyohara, Seattle.

KODANI—Dec. 20, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kodani, Lincoln.

KONDO—a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Kondo, Derby, Colo.

KONO—Dec. 14, a boy Kim Kealohilani to Mr. and Mrs. James Iwao Kono (nee Angeline K. Pekelo), Los Angeles.

MATSUHARA—Dec. 18, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Matsuhara, Sacramento.

MATSUMOTO—Dec. 20, a girl Ellen Reiko to Mr. and Mrs. George Matsumoto (nee Mitsuko Inouye), Los Angeles.

MOCHIZUKI—Dec. 31, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Takeo Mochizuki, Seattle.

MORIKAWA—Dec. 17, a girl Paige Rene to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Katsuyasu Morikawa (nee Betty Toshiko Takahashi), Los Angeles.

NAGATANI—Dec. 12, a boy Kiyonori to Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Nagatani (nee Kayo Sakaguchi), Los Angeles.

NAKAMURA—Dec. 26, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nakamura, Marysville.

NARITA—Jan. 1, a girl Joyce to Mr. and Mrs. Kay Narita (nee June Shomura), Los Angeles.

NISHIO—Dec. 7, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. George Nishio, Fresno.

NOGUCHI—Dec. 18, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Isamu Noguchi, Sacramento.

NOMURA—Jan. 1, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Nomura, Seattle.

OKAMOTO—Dec. 30, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Okamoto, Marysville.

SAIBARA—Dec. 21, a girl Susan Joy to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Saibara (nee Jessie Watanabe), Houston.

SAKAGUCHI—Jan. 1, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sakaguchi, Hanford.

SAKANE—Dec. 13, a boy James Yoshio to Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Sakane, San Jose.

SAKUMA—Dec. 31, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore T. Sakuma, Seattle.

SHIMIZU—Nov. 25, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Taro Shimizu, Clovis.

SUECHIKA—Dec. 19, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Hitoshi Suechika, Alhambra.

SUGIMOTO—Dec. 15, a boy Rodney to Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Sugimoto, San Jose.

SUGIMOTO—Dec. 24, a girl Carole Seiko to Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Sugimoto (nee Faye Inouye), Los Angeles.

TAKAHASHI—Dec. 14, a girl Donna Loraine to Mr. and Mrs. Masao Takahashi (nee Elma Setsuko Amamoto), Los Angeles.

TAKEUCHI—Dec. 19, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Takeshi Takeuchi, Rio Oso.

TANIGUCHI—Dec. 14, a son Claude Shigeru to Mr. and Mrs. Kenji Taniguchi (nee Sachiko Sherry Yoshida), Los Angeles.

TSUCHIKAWA—Dec. 20, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Masakatsu Tsuchikawa, Seattle.

UCHIZONO—Oct. 17, a boy Rodger Kent to Mr. and Mrs. Taro Uchizono (nee Rose Midori Takahashi), Los Angeles.

UMEMOTO—Dec. 26, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Jiro Umemoto, Ontario, Ore.

YAMAMOTO—Dec. 23, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Shigeto Yamamoto, Dinuba.

YAMAMOTO—Dec. 30, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. George Yamamoto, Seattle.

YOKOYAMA—Dec. 30, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Yokoyama, Renton, Wash.

YOSHIDA—Dec. 2, a girl Kimberly Kimi to Mr. and Mrs. Mac Yoshida, San Francisco.

YOTSUYA—Dec. 15, a girl Norma Mutsuko to Mr. and Mrs. Kenji Yotsuya (nee Hatsuye Yoshikawa), Venice.

WEDDINGS

Hayakawa-Kido— Haruo Bill Hayakawa and Helen Haruko Kido, both of Los Angeles, Dec. 28.

Ishino-Hikida — Joe Ishino, 30, and Merrie M. Hikida, 24, both of Seattle, Dec. 11.

Kaneko-Horino— Ted Kaneko and Jane Horino, both of Los Angeles, Dec. 28.

Matsuda-Masuda— John Seiro Matsuda, 23, Delano, and Marion Yasuko Masuda, 22, Los Angeles, Dec. 28.

Nagano-Osumi—Joe Nagano, 31, West Los Angeles, and Mitsuko Osumi (formerly of San Diego), Los Angeles, Dec. 28.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mitzi Hironaka, San Leandro, to Hiroshi Shinmoto, French Camp, Dec. 20.

Mami Katagiri, Henderson, Colo., to Tom Ito, Berkeley, Jan. 3

Rose Sasè, Los Angeles, to Wesley Yamaka, Oakland, Dec. 25.

Setsuko Matsubara, Hanford, to Frank Inami, Madera, Jan. 3.

Aiko Matsuda, Long Beach, to Chris T. Watanabe, Inglewood.

Joan Matsuda (formerly of Los Angeles) to Sam Nagai (formerly of Sebastopol), both of Denver, Dec 25.

Frances Hasegawa to Harry Nakagawa, both of Denver, Dec. 25.

INTENTIONS

Peter Furukawa, Gaston, Ore. and Margaret L. Peck, Portland.

Victor Y. Hinatsu, The Dalles, Ore., and Jane Kawamoto, Portland.

George J. Sakurai, Portland, Ore., and Janice T. Tanaka, Seattle.

DEATHS

Kisojo Hirata, 68, Los Angeles, Dec. 31; survived by wife, son Kazuo and daughters Misao, Mmes. Kiyoko Hasegawa and Toshiko Shimizu.

Kuotaro Hirohara, 86, Sacramento, Dec. 30.

Eiji Kamide, 70, Long Beach, Jan. 1; survived by wife, sons Seiichi, Masaji, Keigo, Shiro; daughters Mmes. Hatsumi Nagamori, Yoshie Okura, Miyoko and Emiko.

Akira Kawamoto, Los Angeles, Jan. 4; survived by wife and son Takashi.

Mrs. Kiye Kawamura, Los Angeles, Dec. 29; survived by husband and son Genji.

Bert Kobayashi, 6, Dinuba, Dec. 30; survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kobayashi.

Sakuichi Miyamoto, 80, Ft. Lupton, Colo., Dec. 29; survived by wife, sons Jack, Kazumi, George and Fred.

Mrs. Matsuko Nakamura, Sacramento, Jan. 1, survived; by daughters Mmes. Mary Amemiya and Machiko Ota.

James K. Seshima, 64, New York, Dec. 24.

Mrs. Hisa Katayama, 63, Salt Lake City, Dec. 28; survived by sons Taro, Jerry; and daughter Mrs. Michiko Aoki.

Suedi Sugawara, 71, Seattle, Dec. 13; survived by son Ben, daughters Mmes. Ruth Okada and Jane Okada.

Toyo Takeyama, 71, Sierra Madre, Dec. 29; survived by sons Isamu, Takeo and Yukio, daughters Mmes. Takeko Nakano and Haruko Ichiyen.

Otogoro Yonenaka, 80, Los Angeles, Dec. 31; survived by wife, sons Hisato, Taira, Clifford, Joe; daughters Mmes. Rei Yamamoto, May Matsumoto, Lily Matsumoto, Rose, Alice and Kikuko.

SOCIAL NOTES

Baba-Nakashima

Los Angeles

Miss Michi Nakashima and Yozo Baba recited marriage vows at a candlelight service before the altar of St. Mary's Episcopal church banked in white winter flowers on New Year's Eve.

The Rev. John Yamazaki officiated at the double ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morisaburo Nakashima, the groom, the son of Mrs. Take Baba, both of this city.

The bride was attired in heavy ivory satin with nylon tulle neckline, embroidered with tiny pearls. Her illusion finger-tipped veil was caught with a head band, also worked in pearl beadings. Carrying a prayer book covered with orchids, she wore a single strand pearl necklace.

'Good Citizen' honors awarded to Los Angeles-born girl in Michigan

Monroe, Mich.

Fairy Sakai, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sakai, 5979 Williams Rd., Newport, Mich., was chosen as Monroe High School "Good Citizen" of 1952 in the annual contest sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution Nancy deGraff Toll chapter here.

All senior girls voted for their choice in the contest. The top six, of which Miss Sakai was among the selected, then were voted upon by the entire student body for the award.



Fairy Sakai is selected as DAR "Good Citizen" of the year.
—Monroe Evening News.

An all-A student, she attended Monroe high the past three years taking an academic course with plans of majoring in premedical at the Univ. of Michigan.

Born in Los Angeles, she relocated to Michigan with her family in 1942, played in the school band, served on various class posts and attended Wolverine Girl State in 1951 at Ann Arbor representing her school.

SOCIAL NOTES

Los Angeles YBA: Mas Okino was re-elected president of the Los Angeles YBA for 1953. Frank Saita, Kiyo Teramaye are vice-presidents. The YBA holds it annual New Year banquet tomorrow night at Carolina Pines with Dr. Ryo Munekata as toastmaster.

Philadelphia YBA: The Rev. Yoshikami of New York installed the 1953 Philadelphia YBA cabinet in a candlelight rite. Harold Tono is president, assisted by Terri Oye, rel.; Gene Kanamori, sec.; Jack Schwartz, treas.; and Garry Oye, rep.

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Better 'n nothing

One Pennsylvania congressman announced he would ask for the complete repeal of the McCarran-Walter immigration and nationality act of 1952, which means reversion to the laws in effect prior to its enactment last Dec. 24.

At this time of the young 83rd Congress, when legislators make various statements to the press and constituents of their intentions, the newsiest stories get the most prominent spot.

We are reminded of what the JACL 1000 Club Chairman Harold Gordon wrote in the Pacific Citizen on Nov. 21. ". . . that about 1 percent—ONE PERCENT! ! !—of the bills introduced in Congress in each session are even reported out of committee onto the floor of each house . . ."

It could be that this particular intention of the Pennsylvanian to repeal the immigration and nationality act may be pigeon-holed.

. . . . .

Rather than full repeal, the statement made this week by Sen. Humphrey of Minnesota could prove to be a criterion.

"If we can't get all we want, we ought to make some beginning. Any step forward is better than none at all and we have gotten nothing up to date."

Sen. Humphrey is one of the most outspoken advocates of a strong civil rights legislation.

Our proposition on the McCarran-Walter bill was supported on such a basis as the statement made by the Democratic senator from Minnesota. "Any step forward is better than none at all."

. . . . .

The new immigration and nationality act was a step forward. It removed discrimination in the principle that all immigrants lawfully admitted into the United States can become naturalized citizens. And today, there is no racial bar to admitting anyone in the United States, as long as he is law-abiding and deserving.

. . . . .

Some people dislike analogies, but complete repeal of the McCarran-Walter act because of certain unfavorable provisions is similar to killing a man because he suffers from arthritic joints, or because he may be deprived of sight and hearing.

Rather, the sensible man will expect a corrective amendments in the law as in the case of a sick man. All means to alleviate pain and to make his life as comfortable as possible would be gathered.

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Literary page

Once a month, a full page will be devoted to creative efforts of Nisei writers and artists. This new avenue of national expression for Nisei thought shall be managed by Mrs. Kats Kunitsugu, who has just finished her mammoth Holiday Issue.

We'd like to say Guyo Tajiri's story of her travels into Mexico inaugurated this literary page, which is now open to verses, prose, short stories and sketches.

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Unpaid claimants

The many who have received their awards from the United States Treasury in settlement of their compromised evacuation claims appreciate the receipt of such an award.

But there are yet some who await some $5,000,000 for settlement of their awards, not to mention those who have claims above the scope of compromise. These unpaid claimants value the services which the JACL-ADC is rendering in Washington.

These unpaid claimants clearly represent the necessity of maintaining "watchdog" facilities in the Nation's Capitol.

FROM THE FRYING PAN

New Addition: Parakeet

By Bill Hosokawa

Denver

Several of our friends have succumbed to the parakeet craze (current in Denver, a backwoods town) and have been regaling us with tales about how much fun these birds are. You'd think a family like ours with four kids and a television set would have enough to keep it occupied without having to resort to birds. But we got one for Christmas.

Alice says the bird is green, but it looks yellow to me. So far it doesn't have a name. I'm holding out for a sensible one, like Roscoe, Oswald, McTavish or Momotaro. No silly names like Dickie, Sweetie Pie or Darling for our bird.

Parakeets have a reputation for being able to speak, just like parrots, after they're old enough. If environment has anything to do with it, our bird ought to be able to talk within a few weeks because everyone seems to be talking all the time in our house, mostly all at once.

Getting the bird, and keeping him in storage without letting the kids know, was a major project. In the first place, Alice bought the bird in one shop and the cage in another. Seems she could save 75 cents by getting the cage at a place half-way across town. Since I buy the gasoline and she pays for the cage, we went half-way across town.

Of course Pete was along. He goes everywhere. He had a deep, dark suspicion in the back of his crafty mind that we might be getting a bird for the family. But we gave him evasive answers and he finally reconciled himself to the belief that we were picking up the cage on behalf of the lady at the other shop.

Perhaps you'll be hearing more about our bird as time goes on. I hope it will not be a report that we have fricasseed him.

Our colleague Larry Tajiri, who is getting to be quite a commuter through Denver on his way to sundry distant places, dropped in again the other day with tales of Manhattan. Seems he decided he didn't want to live in New York the morning he found the highway jammed bumper-to-bumper the entire 30 miles from Manhattan to Levittown. It was 3 a.m.

But the story I like best is about the time Larry went down to talk to a National Broadcasting Co. vice president about a job. After they had chatted for a while, the veep asked casually how much annual salary Larry expected to get.

Larry quoted a figure well into four figures.

"My land," the veep exclaimed, throwing his hands into the air, "You're in the wrong department. I don't talk to anyone under the $18,000 bracket."

Fabulous, fabulous New York.

I still contend that if Larry were anything other than the shy-modest-easy-going personality he is, he'd have said $25,000 without flicking an eyelid. And he'd probably have got the job.

Just between us, isn't it a relief that Christmas cards have been put away for another year?

There's nothing wrong with Christmas. It's just the people who insist on beating us over the head with it, week after week, on radio, TV, department stores and parking lot loudspeakers.

I suppose a guy could get fed up even with steaks, pretty girls, hot apple pie and cheese, toasted almonds and ice cream after a while. Well, maybe all except the pretty girls.

20,000 Cherry Tree Seeds

Chicago

Flowering beauty such as springtime lavishes on Washington, D.C., when that city's famous cherry trees burst into bloom may in years to come be seen in other cities of the United States, if hopes of Japanese school children have their way.

In a gesture of friendship to people across the sea, boys and girls in many different schools throughout Japan have gathered 100,000 cherry tree seeds to be distributed to American cities which want them.

This goodwill gift was presented by 20,000 Japanese children to U.S. Ambassador Robert D. Murphy at Hibiya public hall, Tokyo, on Sept. 26 .The seeds reached their first United States port aboard the Awata Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha which docked at Los Angeles.

Cities to which seeds have been consigned include New York City, Albany, N.Y., Boston, Providence, R.I., Philadelphia, Baltimore, St. Louis, Seattle, Portland, Ore., San Francisco, Los Angeles and Chicago.

Each city has plans for placing the cherry trees when sufficiently mature in the city boulevard and park system or in school yards.

About 40 smaller cities and towns have asked for seeds, too. If any of them missed out last year, this year, when another gift of seeds will be sent to the U.S. during the Open Door Festival celebrating the 100th anniversary of Commodore Perry's visit to Japan.

Officials of the Chicago Park District are not certain that Japanese cherry trees can withstand the windy blasts that sweep off Lake Michigan, but they are planning to nurture the seeds with utmost care in an effort to bring them to maturity.

A shipment of 20,000 seeds arrived here recently. These were planted first in greenhouses in the nursery at Marquette Park on Chicago's southwest side.

(Work of scarifying some 20,000 cherry tree seeds began this week. C. I. Baker, landscape construction supervisor of the Chicago Park District, into whose domain the seed beds fall, said the seeds would be left in the Marquette park nurseries for two years.)

When sufficiently mature, some of the trees will be set out in test plantings along Lake Shore drive.

(The seeds, which produce trees with double the number of blossoms of American cherry trees, were gathered in a section of Japan where the weather approximates that of Chicago.)

A park district spokesman estimates they will be fortunate to bring 1,000 of these 20,000 seeds to maturity.

Although children have gathered and given the seeds to this country, many grownups have helped with organizing the project.

The plan originated with Otoichi Kinoshita, director of the Friends of the United Nations, a group in Tokyo. To obtain enough seeds, he enlisted the support of the Japanese Congress of Parents and Teachers (which was organized during the American occupation with aid from the National Congress of Parents and Teachers), the Japanese Travel Bureau, the Mainichi Press and the Broadcasting Corporation of Japan. Kinoshita had first hoped to send cherry trees, but found that importation of the trees is now banned by regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture.

The department has, however, approved importation of the seeds subject to inspection upon arrival in this country, according to William Hughes of Forest Hills, Queens, N. Y., representative of the U.N. Association of Japan in the United States. Hughes is arranging applications for seeds.

Presentation ceremonies in the various cities are in charge of Kazuo Iwata, manager of the Japan Travel Information office in the U.S.

Chicago has made no plans for what a park district spokesman called a "technicolor presentation" of the cherry tree seeds because no one is certain that the seeds can be brought to flower in this climate of extremes.

Back in the mid-'30s, one official recalls in a similar "hands across the sea" gesture, Chicago received through the Japanese consul a shipment of about 200 small cherry trees. These were set out on a wooded island in Jackson Park lagoon. Only one or two of these trees now survive.

of Tokyo after Mrs. William Howard Taft had imported some

The world famous cherry trees which thrive in Washington were presented to that city by the city of the trees in 1907.

—Christian Science Monitor.

Tokyo youth gives good neighbor policy new twist in Georgia school

Americus, Ga.

A Japanese brought by an Army officer to this country to study has given the Good Neighbor policy a new turn.

Twenty-six-year-old Tony Tanaka, has taken Leo Gonzales, 16, of Pinar del Rio, Cuba, under his wing at Georgia Southwestern College.

Tony, who has been here two years, is helping teach the young Cuban the English language and American customs.

"I want to help out as much as I can," says Tony.

Leo is an exchange student sponsored by the American Rotary Club. Tony, who went two years to high school at Columbus, Ga., is being sent to college by Maj. D. W. Ivey of Fort Benning, Ga.

Major Ivey met Tony and hired him as an interpreter while the Army was stationed in Tokyo. When the major was assigned to Benning in 1950 he arranged for Tony to come also and attend Baker Village high school in nearby Columbus.

In his two years at Baker, Tony's grade never fell below 95. Although older than most of the other students, five-foot-one Tony entered fully into school activities and won many honors.

Both Tony and Leo are keenly interested in sports at Georgia Southwestern. Tony has developed into a swimming ace.

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